



Dow Chemical Is in Talks on Turkish Plastics Venture

June 24 ([Bloomberg](#)) — Dow Chemical Co., the largest U.S. chemical maker, said it's in talks on taking part in a Turkish venture that would require billions of dollars in investments.

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Greek vocalist Dalaras in Istanbul for first time

Legendary vocalist of Greek music George Dalaras will give an unforgettable concert in Istanbul. Performing in Turkey for the first time, the artist's guest of honor will be famous Turkish composer and singer Zülfü Livaneli. 'It makes me pleased to share the stage with my dear friend Dalaras. This is the result of a friendship made 30 years ago with Mikis Thodorakis,' says Livaneli

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Is Turkey shifting from the West?

These days this is a very much asked question. Where is Turkey heading to? In fact Turkey is heading nowhere. It is just adjusting its course to global developments. Has Europe accepted Turkey whereas Turkey refused to join the EU. The answer is NO. Has Turkey refused to solve the Cyprus issue? The answer is again: NO. It were the Greek Cypriots who refused while the majority of the Turkish Cypriots voted yes for the peace treaty. Is Prime

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Minister Erdogan representing Turkey? The answer is again NO. He only is supported by around 30% of the votes and of these votes not more than 10% are hardliners. At the end of the day Prime MinisterErdogan will lose this battle. For sure. As the elite and secular part of Turkey who represent more than 70% of Turkey’s population and are Ataturk followers will without a doubt punish the AKP and its leaders for misrepresenting Turkish values, for being pro-Kurdish, for being pro-Arab and for being anti-nationalistic. Everybody with a little bit of sense of history should know the Turks. One of the few people on this earth who never have lived under the rule of others. Never, ever. Now Erdogan, who was elected for all the wrong reasons, democratically, is just a dark stain in Turkish history. Nothing more and nothing less.

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Flydubai launches Dubai-Istanbul service

Flydubai, Dubai’s first low cost airline, has started direct flights from Dubai to Istanbul, making the Turkish capital its 18th destination.

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Uganda: Trade with Turkey Rises to Sh48 Billion

Kampala — Trade volumes between Uganda and Turkey have risen to sh48.4 billion in 2009 from just \$1m in 2001.The chairman of Turkish Airlines, Hamdi Topcu disclosed the trade figures at Entebbe on Monday after Turkish Airlines made its maiden flights from Istanbul to Entebbe.

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UNESCO supports Istanbul as European Capital of Culture

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, held a ceremony in Paris, France to support the Turkish city of Istanbul, the German city of Essen and the Hungarian city of Pecs as 2010 European capitals of culture.

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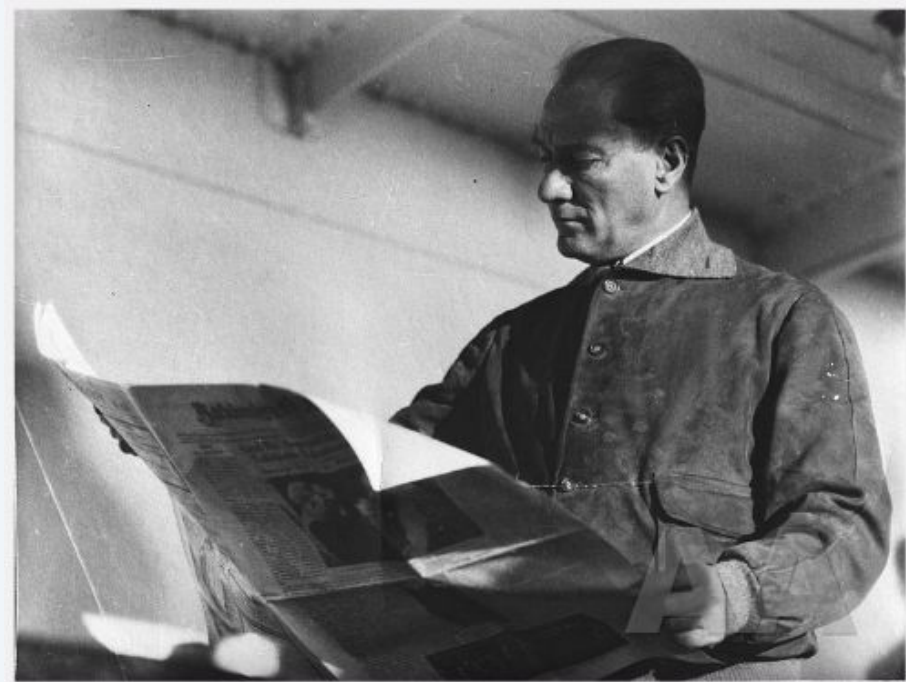
One of the perqs of working for a newspaper is that you sometimes get to go on travel

junkets. This past March, I was in the Azores. Two years ago, my wife and I visited the Greek Islands and Istanbul, Turkey.

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Letter From Istanbul By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN



Turkey is a country that had me at hello. I like the people, the culture, the food and, most of all, the idea of modern Turkey — the idea of a country at the hinge of Europe and the Middle East that manages to be at once modern, secular, Muslim, democratic, and has good relations with the Arabs, Israel and the West. After 9/11, I was among those hailing the Turkish model as the antidote to “Bin Ladenism.” Indeed, the last time I visited Turkey in 2005, my discussions with officials were all about Turkey’s efforts to join the European Union. That is why it is quite shocking to come back today and find Turkey’s Islamist government seemingly focused not on joining the European Union but the Arab League — no, scratch that, on joining the Hamas-Hezbollah-Iran resistance front against Israel. Now how did that happen?

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Istanbul hosts Turkey-World Trade Bridge 2010

Commerce ministers and businessmen from different parts of the world have come together in Istanbul for a forum as part of the Turkey - World Trade Bridge program. The event, co-organized by the Turkish Foreign Trade Undersecretariat and the Turkish Businessmen`s and Industrialists` Confederation, brings together over 2,200 foreign businessmen from 135 countries.

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Mountain home of the storm god: Hittite İvriz

Despite a history going back at least 2,500 years, and a strategic position close to the Cilcian Gates, the town today has no sights of specific interest. Known as Heraclea Cybistra in the Hellenistic period, it was a crucial Byzantine garrison town until its capture by the Arabs in the ninth century



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